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MINUTES

OF THE

Fifty-Eighth Annual Session

OF THE

Cape Fear Original Free-Will

BAPTIST CONFERENCE,

Being the first Annual Session after the revision

on January 12th and 13th, 1912.

HELD WITH

BETHEL CHURCH, JOHNSTON COUNTY, N. C.,

October 3rd, 4th and 5th, 1912.

OFFICERS:

E. R. Wilson, Moderator.....Mount Olive, N. C.
R. M. Parker, Treasurer.....Duke, N. C.
W. A. Jackson, Secretary.....Cooper, N. C.

The next Annual Session will be held with the Church at Goldsboro, Wayne county, on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1913, at 11 a. m.

GOLDSBORO, N. C.
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1913.

PROCEEDINGS.

Bethel Church, October 3rd, 1912.

The Fifty-eighth Annual Session of the Cape Fear Original Free Will Baptist Conference (it being the first session of this body after the revision at Shady Grove on January 12 and 13, 1912), convened with the church on date above named at 12 m.

Elder W. R. Coats who was elected to preach the Introductory sermon attended and preached. Text, Rom. 8:28: And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God.

After which one hour was given for dinner.

FIRST DAY—Afternoon.

Conference assembled at 2:15.

Devotional exercises conducted by Elder J. R. Wallace.

ENROLLMENT.

Officers—E. R. Wilson, Moderator; R. M. Parker, Treasurer; W. A. Jackson, Secretary.

Ministers—J. F. Hill, W. R. Glover, W. R. Coats, D. R. Ennis, J. F. Casey.

Ordaining Council—J. F. Hill.

Committee on Ministerial Labor—C. J. Thomas, L. W. Warren.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES.

Bethel—C. J. Thomas, R. D. Stanley, J. H. Moore.

St. Paul—James L. Britt, Miss Janie Bass.

Lee's Chapel—L. M. K. Tew, W. P. Williford.

St. Mary's Grove—J. W. Jones, J. C. Beasley, D. D. Barber.

Prospect—E. F. Parker, J. B. Parker, L. G. Ryals.

Robert's Grove—S. F. Jackson, M. F. Jackson.

Shady Grove—R. West, J. L. Wilson, M. E. Bass.

Goldsboro—B. P. Parks.

St. John—James H. Grant.

Johnston Union—J. W. Cook.

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STANDING COMMITTEES.

Obituaries—D. C. Johnson, S. F. Jackson, D. R. Ennis.

Temperance—W. R. Coats, W. P. Williford, W. H. Waters

Education—J. H. Grant, J. F. Casey, J. H. Butt, J. F. Davis.

Ministerial Labor—C. J. Thomas, L. W. Warren, R. McLeod, B. P. Parks, W. H. Barnes.

Executive—W. R. Coats, E. R. Wilson, W. A. Jackson.

Mission Board—J. H. Grant, J. F. Casey, C. J. Thomas.

Ordaining Council—J. F. Hill, W. R. Coats, J. F. Casey.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICE ADDRESSES.

Casey, J. F.	Goldsboro, N. C.
Coats, W. R.	Four Oaks, N. C.
Ennis, D. R.	Duke, N. C.
Ellis, J. S.	Wilson Mills, N. C.
Fuquay, J. W.	Fuquay Springs, N. C.
Faircloth, H. R.	LaGrange, N. C.
Glover, W. R.	Dunn, N. C.
Hill, J. F.	Goldsboro, N. C.
Johnson, D. C.	Smithfield, N. C.
Moore, J. W.	Smithfield, N. C.
Wallace, J. R.	Smithfield, N. C.

Hopewell—J. F. Davis, F. H. Reardon, Ransom Barber.
New Chapel—W. H. Barnes, J. S. Parrish.
Casey's Chapel—J. F. Hill.

The following ministers ask that their names be enrolled with the other ministers of this body, viz: J. W. Fuquay, D. C. Johnson, J. R. Wallace.

A letter is read from Elder A. B. Peavy endorsing the action taken by this Conference.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

Religious Exercises—C. J. Thomas, J. H. Moore, D. D. Barber.
Finance—James H. Britt, James H. Grant, M. F. Jackson.
Recording Text—Mrs. M. W. Parker.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

To preach to-night at 8 o'clock: Elder W. R. Glover open and Elder J. F. Casey preach.

C. J. Thomas,
J. H. Moore,
D. D. Barber,
Committee.

On motion, Conference adjourned till to-morrow 9:30 a. m.
Prayer by Elder J. W. Fuquay.

SECOND DAY.

Conference re-assembles according to adjournment.
Devotional exercises conducted by Elder H. R. Faircloth.
Enrollment second day:

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES.

Daly's Chapel—H. L. Faircloth, Harvey Farmer.
Oak Grove—J. E. Warren, Westbrook Lee.
Goldsboro—W. H. Waters.

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Ministerial Labor—B. P. Parks, W. H. Barnes.
Obituaries—S. F. Jackson, D. R. Ennis, D. C. Johnson.

Temperance—W. R. Coats, W. H. Waters, W. P. Williford, Westbrook Lee.

Education—J. H. Grant, J. F. Casey, J. H. Britt, J. F. Davis.

Home and Foreign Mission Board—J. H. Grant, J. F. Casey, C. J. Thomas.

Report of Ordaining Council is made. (See report.)

Reports from the different churches are received and read before the body. (See Statistical table.)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

To preach at 11:30 a. m.: Elder J. W. Fuquay open and Elder D. C. Johnson preach.

COMMITTEE.

At 11:30 Conference adjourn till 2 p. m. for preaching and dinner.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON.

Conference re-assembles according to adjournment.

Business continued under the head of miscellaneous.

Election of Ordaining Council—Elders J. F. Hill, W. R. Coats and J. F. Casey.

Election of Officers—E. R. Wilson, Moderator; R. M. Parker, Treasurer; W. A. Jackson, Secretary.

Petitionary letters are received from Goldsboro, Oak Grove, Hopewell and St. Paul for the next session of Conference. By vote Goldsboro is entitled to next session.

On motion, the next session convene on Friday at 11 o'clock a. m. instead of Thursday at 12 m., before the first Sunday in October, 1913.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

To preach at 3:30 p. m.: Elder J. R. Wallace open and Elder W. R. Glover preach. At 8 p. m.: Elder H. R. Faircloth open and Elder J. W. Moore preach.

COMMITTEE.

At 3:30 Conference adjourns till to-morrow at 9:30 a. m.

THIRD DAY.

Conference re-assembles according to adjournment.

Devotional exercises conducted by Elder D. C. Johnson.

Roll called.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Committee on Obituaries make their report. (See report.)

Ordaining Council make their report. (See report.)

Committee on Education make their report. (See report.)

A collection of $6.90 is made and placed in the Miscellaneous fund; also Bro. Z. Taylor 50 cents for Minutes.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

To preach at 11 a. m.: Elder R. Massengill open and Elder J. S. Ellis preach.

COMMITTEE.

On motion a circular letter gotten out prior to the sitting of this Conference be printed in this Minute. (See circular letter.)

On motion, the action of the call Conference held at Shady Grove Church on January 12 and 13, 1912, be reaffirmed by this body. (See report of committee on resolution at that session.)

On motion, we elect an Executive Committee. The following are elected, viz: W. R. Coats, W. A. Jackson, E. R. Wilson.

The Finance Committee make their report. (See report.)

Elder J. F. Casey is elected to preach the Introductory sermon at the next Conference and Elder D. R. Ennis his Alternate.

Resolution of W. P. Williford is received for discussion and adopted. (See resolution.)

Resolution of M. F. Jackson is received for discussion and adopted. (See resolution.)

One hour and 15 minutes is given for dinner.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON.

Conference re-assembles at 1:15.

On motion the Secretary draw on the treasurer for $4.83, expense of circular letter.

On motion, we have 1,000 copies of the proceedings of this Conference printed and distributed as follows: Twenty-five copies each to the Eastern, Western and Central Conference, balance to be distributed among the several Churches and that he draw on the treasurer for $10.00 for his services, also expense of same.

On motion, we elect the following delegates to other Conferences, viz: Eastern, Elder W. R. Coats; Central, Elder J. F. Hill; Western, Elder D. C. Johnson.

On motion, Conference pay their railroad expenses if any.

On motion, we extend a vote of thanks to Bethel Church and community for their kindness and hospitality shown in entertaining this Conference.

On motion, any church may represent in this body by presenting a letter to the Secretary any time before the Minutes are printed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.

To preach to-night at 8 p. m.: Elder D. C. Johnson open and Elder W. R. Coats preach. To-morrow at 11 a. m. Elder J. W. Moore open and Elder J. F. Hill preach.

COMMITTEE.

On motion Conference adjourn to meet with the Church at Goldsboro on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1913, at 11 a. m.

Closing remarks by Elder D. C. Johnson.

E. R. WILSON, Moderator.

J. F. HILL, Assistant Moderator.

W. A. JACKSON, Secretary.

W. P. WILLIFORD, Assistant Secretary.

REPORTS:

REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL.

We, the Ordaining Council, beg leave to submit the following report: We have examined Bros. J. W. Fuquay, J. R. Wallace, H. R. Faircloth, J. W. Moore, J. S. Ellis and D. C. Johnson and find them orthodox in the original faith of the Free Will Baptist and we recommend that their names be enrolled as Ordained Ministers.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. HILL,
W. R. COATS,
J. F. CASEY,
Ordaining Council.

REPORT OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

Seeing the need of a better educated ministry that our ministry may be able to compete with those of other denominations, we recommend that our young ministers avail themselves of every opportunity possible to secure an education.

We further recommend that they patronize our Free Will Baptist School at Ayden, N. C., as an institute of learning. As the Seminary belongs to the Free Will Baptist denomination, we recommend that each church in our Conference send a donation to this Conference annually to be used for the support of said Seminary and we urge upon each minister to see that a fund is raised in each church.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. BRITT,
J. H. GRANT,
J. F. CASEY,
J. F. DAVIS,
Committee.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL LABOR.

We, the Committee on Ministerial Labor, beg leave to submit the following report:

We find nothing detrimental to the deportment of any of

our ministers and that all are working together for the advancement of the cause of Christ and the spreading of His gospel.

Respectfully submitted,

C. J. Thomas,
L. W. Warren,
B. P. Parks,
W. H. Barnes,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

We, the Committee on Obituaries, beg leave to submit the following report:

We are rejoiced to know that the Lord has not seen fit to call from our midst any of our Brother Ministers this year.

We feel very grateful to Him for His tender mercy and watch-care over us during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

D. C. Johnson,
S. F. Jackson,
D. R. Ennis,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

We, the Committee on Temperance, beg to report as follows:

Seeing the great evil of intemperance we recommend that all of our Ministers and Laity take a decided stand against it. Preach against it and do all in our power to drive the awful monster from our land. We especially ask the young ladies to refuse the company and association of all under the influence of strong drink.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. Coats,
W. P. Williford,
Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg to report as follows:

Miscellaneous funds	$ 13.00
General funds	10.85
Minutes	18.30
Total on hand	$ 41.15

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. PARKER, Treasurer.
J. H. BRITT,
J. H. GRANT,
M. F. JACKSON,
Committee.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That no minister be allowed to preach in any of our churches without first conferring with the deacons or pastor in charge. M. F. JACKSON.

Whereas, Seeing our present condition that our rights and property are in litigation; be it

Resolved, That each church be requested to raise at once and place in the hands of the executive committee a sufficient fund to defray the expense of any litigation that may come before us. W. P. WILLIFORD.

STATISTICAL TABLE—1912.

Church and County.	For Minutes.	Home Missions.	Paid Pastor.	Miscellaneous Funds.	Value of Church Property.	Members Received.	Baptized.	Excluded.	Dismissed.	Died.	Increased.	Decreased.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Bethel, Johnston	$ 1.00	$ 1.00	$41.00	$30.00	$ 750.00	14	10	1	....	1	5	....	36	56	92
Bizzell's Grove, Wayne	1.00	.....	.....	.....	400.00	....	....	....	1	....	....	1	29	42	71
Casey's Chapel, Wayne	1.00	.....	56.00	24.20	550.00	6	4	....	2	2	2	....	14	45	59
Daly's Chapel, Lenoir	1.00	.....	38.77	11.00	300.00	11	5	....	....	2	9	....	22	26	48
Goldsboro, Wayne	1.50	.....	31.95	203.00	1000.00	32	22	3	....	1	28	....	26	44	70
Hopewell, Johnston	1.00	.....	45.00	.....	600.00	3	....	....	4	1	....	2	30	45	75
Johnson Union, Johnston	1.00	.....	25.00	11.15	450.00	3	2	....	2	2	....	1	26	40	66
Lee's Chapel, Sampson	1.50	.....	33.00	31.25	700.00	5	5	6	1	1	....	2	50	71	121
New Chapel, Johnston	1.00	.....	25.00	6.00	200.00	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	14	21	35
Oak Grove, Sampson	45	.....	42.00	5.00	.....	1	1	....	....	....	1	....	15	27	42
Prospect, Harnett	1.35	1.00	33.50	25.80	60.00	8	7	....	1	1	6	....	42	68	110
Roberts Grove, Sampson	50	.....	22.00	16.00	700.00	....	....	2	1	....	....	3	23	46	69
Shady Grove, Sampson	3.00	.....	75.00	47.00	1000.00	18	18	....	....	3	15	....	117	229	336
St. Paul, Sampson	1.00	.....	83.25	16.00	800.00	3	3	....	....	5	....	2	36	53	89
St. Mary, Johnston	1.00	1.00	28.50	15.00	500.00	4	4	1	....	1	2	....	14	19	33
St. John, Wayne	1.00	.....	.....	1.00	.....	7	6	....	....	....	7	....	18	33	51

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

School and Superintendent.	Delegate.	Members on roll.	Aver. Attendance.	Members of S. S. belonging to church.	Members joined church from S. S.	Paid for Literature.	Miscellaneous fund.
Lee's Chapel—T. S. Godwin..	R. M. Jernigan...	76	51	35	5	$15.00	$25.00
Roberts' Grove—S. F. Jackson	Grover Jackson..	54	39	17	....	2.65	4.65
Shady Grove—Kirby West...	J. C. Lockomy...	133	82	44	7	4.89	16.00
Prospect—L. G. Ryals.....	R. M. McLeod...	92	65	37	5	3.00	.....
Savannah Hill-Nath. Barefoot	G. A. Barefoot...	70	35	20	....	.....	5.00
Spring Hill—J. G. Layton....	W. J. Godwin....	120	75	....	....	16.00	10.00

The next Sunday School Convention will be held at Roberts' Grove Church on Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1913.

W. A. JACKSON, President.

M. F. JACKSON, Secretary.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

To the several Churches composing the Cape Fear Free Will Baptist Conference and the members thereof:

Whereas, on January 12th, 1912, there was a special session of the Cape Fear Free Will Baptist Conference, at Shady Grove Church in Sampson County, at which a permanent organization was perfected with E. R. Wilson as Moderator and W. A. Jackson as Secretary.

And whereas, at said Conference a resolution was adopted calling for an Annual Conference at Bethel Church in Johnston County, about three miles south-east of Four Oaks, on the A. C. L. R. R., to be held on Thursday before the First Monday in October, it being the third day of October, 1912, now:

Therefore, the undersigned churches, represented at said Conference and the officers thereof, do respectfully invite and request all churches in the Cape Fear Free Will Baptist Conference to send delegates to said Annual Conference to the end that the original faith of our fathers, as promulgated in the first Conference of 1855, may be re-enacted and re-adopted.

And all ministers and members of said churches are respectfully invited to attend.

Shady Grove, Bethel, Bizzell's Grove, Robert's Grove, Lee's Chapel, Oak Grove, Daly's Chapel, Prospect, St. Mary's Grove, St. Paul, Goldsboro, St. John.

This September 17, 1912.

E. R. Wilson, Mt. Olive, N. C., Moderator.
R. M. Parker, Duke, N. C., Treasurer.
W. A. Jackson, Cooper, N. C., Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT THE CALL COFERENCE AT SHADY GROVE, JANUARY 12-13, 1912.

Whereas, The Church at Shady Grove having been denied representation in the last session of the Annual Conference, without a charge; be it

Resolved, 1st. That in pursuance to a call made by said Church on the 27th day of November, 1911, notice being duly given, do hereby assemble ourselves at said Church on the

12th day of January, A. D. 1912, and pledge ourselves to the support of the doctrine of the Original Free Will Baptists.

Resolved, 2nd. Seeing that the so-called Cape Fear Conference has departed from the Faith of the aforesaid Original Doctrine of the Free Will Baptists on the subject of *Sanctification,* and the *Baptism of the Holy Ghost,* and the *Speaking in Tongues as the only Evidence.*

We therefore, invite all Churches and Ministers who believe in the Original Doctrine as practiced by the Free Will Baptists, set forth in the Discipline of the Cape Fear Conference prior to the revision in 1899, to unite in the deliberations of this body.

W. A. Jackson,
Ransom West,
E. R. Wilson,
J. F. Hill,
Z. Taylor, Committee.